

FOSTER ON THE CROPS

He Advises the Farmers to Hold Them Next Year.

DROUGHT WILL SURELY VISIT THEM

And It Will Be Well to Guard Against a Famine—His Storm-Predictions Verified—Next Year's Storm Will Be Very Severe—Weather Bureau.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 27.—In my last letter I mentioned a serious drought to occur next year along and south of the 40th degree of north latitude in the United States. I have not yet fully determined the effects of the drought in detail, only its scope in a general way. It will principally effect the Mississippi valley where the elevation is not more than 1500 feet, and the low lands along the Atlantic coast. In mountainous regions, especially the Rocky mountains, more than the average amount of rain will fall. In this general letter I cannot give a detailed forecast that will fit every locality, and those who desire further information may address me by letter. Many limited localities within the great drought district will have sufficient rain to make fair crops, but where these localities may be situated depends largely on the topography of the country surrounding them. Every farmer and feeder should keep enough grain and hay to carry stock through the winter of 1892-3. There can be no loss in this even to those who may be in the favored localities and raise a good crop in 1892, for it is not probable that prices will be lower next year than they now are. If the planters could do so it would pay them to keep their cotton till next year's crop is made. A portion of the fall wheat belt will have favorable weather for a good crop, but spring wheat will be the principle crop next year. I am now carefully calculating the details of next year's serious drought and hope to have it completed by January.

The Next Storm Wave.

The storm wave due to cross the continent from the 22d to the 26th was dealt with in my last letter, and the next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about the 27th, cross the Rocky mountains about the 28th, the great central valleys from the 27th to December 1, and reach the Atlantic coast about December 2. This storm will be most severe on the Pacific coast about the 27th, and a severe cold wave will reach the Dakotas about the 30th, affecting the Mississippi valley and the eastern states during the first days of December. The snows and rains of this disturbance will affect most of the United States. The cold wave that crossed the continent from the 12th to the 19th of November, and the extensive snow storms that accompanied it, have settled all doubts as to the nature of the coming winter. That storm, with the extremely low temperature of its cold wave, convinced millions of people that the winter will be as predicted, and will go far toward confirming the reliability of my forecasts. I have made a few mistakes, but the cold spring and cool June and July, warm August and September, the general good crops of 1891 and the early winter weather, all predicted by me a year in advance, will largely increase the interest in the electrical system of meteorology.

Great Storms Next Year.

When the weather bureau was transferred to the agricultural department it was hoped that a new departure would be made in the interest of the tillers of the soil, but it is now quite apparent that the defunct heat theory of weather changes has a perpetual lease on the Washington weather bureau so long as congress is willing to appropriate nearly a million dollars for its support. One year ago I predicted greater storms from May 1891 to the first of July 1892 than had occurred for sixty years past. The greatest of these storms will occur in 1892. The storms that have occurred all around the earth within three months past, especially in the West Indies, on our own Atlantic coast, in Australia, eastern Asia, South America and Western Europe are the greatest on record. The storms to come will be most severe where those of the past three months have been least.

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